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Mayor backs gun limits

MAYOR BLOOMBERG took his gun-control crusade to suburban Chicago yesterday, lending his support to Mark Kirk, a Republican congressman who supports new gun limits.

"He's had the courage to stand up - more difficult in the . . . Republican party," the mayor said. Kirk called for closing a loophole that allows gun dealers who lose their licenses to sell their inventory without background checks on the buyers.

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